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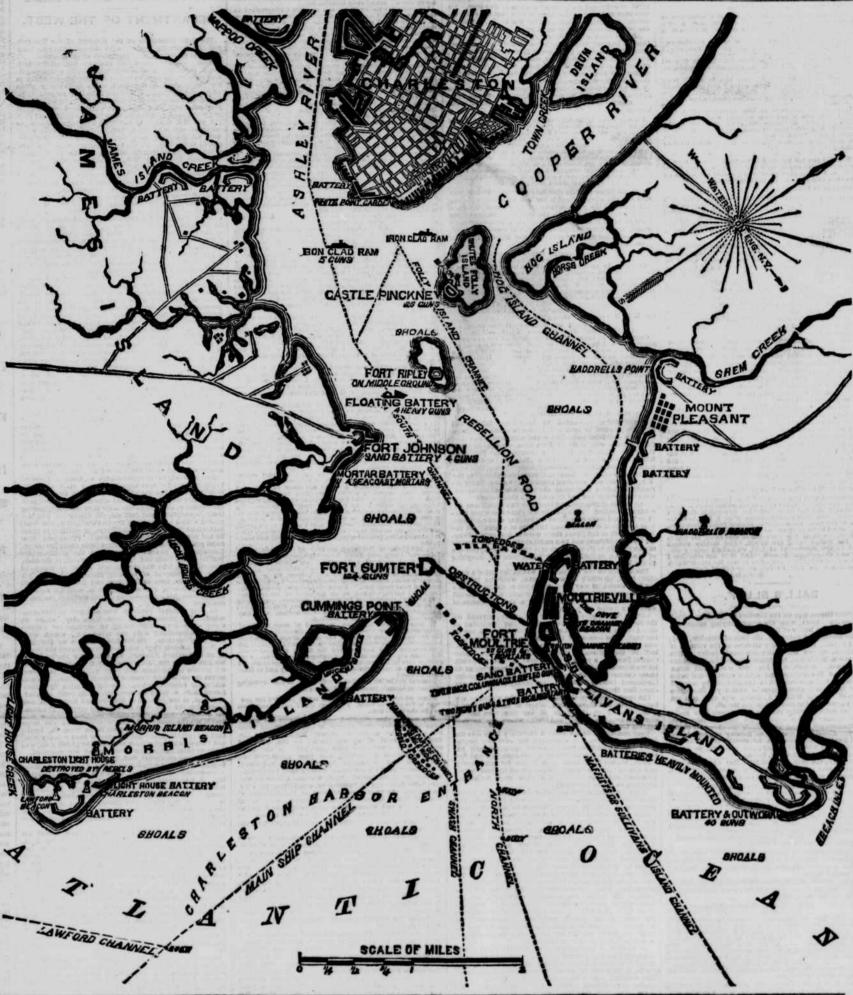
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bians."

"Are you going to take the place by assault, and annihilate the garrison of Vera Cruz?" I promise you that if you succeed in this you shall not only be a commander, but General-in-thief of the Merican armies."

"Joke as much as you please; but I have a plan, and you will see if it does not succeed."

"Let's have the plan."

"This is my secret, and I will keep it securely, in revenge for your jokes."

"That is almost authorizing me to doub!——"

"Nothing of the kind. I am indebted to you for a protection as unexpected as it is kind, and I owe you a debt of gratitude as a gentleman. You may rely upon the sincerity with which I speak, and you may count on the possession of your Arab steed."

And this is the way in which, during my journey across the Isthmus of Panama to New York, I gained a faithful friend, an able and intrepid agent, and the right of property in a magnificent Arab out, a real and beautiful child of the desert.

I did not wish to remain in New York longer than was absolutely necessary but unforescend difficulties threatened to prolong my stay, and I resolved to leave J. de Z. to transact my business, and left New York on board of the steamer Matanzas. On the passage I was gind to meet with General Goorge F. Shepley. Military Governor of the State of Louisian, who was going to assume the command of his dejartment.

The opinion of the General on the French expedition to Mexico coincided exactly with mine. The Mexicans have no fleet of war vessels, nor any fortiled ports which could require the presence of a formidable naval force. The concentration of so many ships of the line and iron-clad frigates, calculated to transport thirty thousand soldiers to Vera Cruz, could, therefore, be with no other view than to prepare the way for future naval movements with regard to the United States, or, at least, to throw into the balance of the Northern civil war the moral prestige of the power of France, backed by the shew of two thousand gone in the waters of the Gul. The republic of Mexico being conver

threatened with death by the people who surrounded him he owed his life to the interference of the wife o, one of his friends. At last the artilierists of the garrison resolved to inberate their chief; they brought out three or four pieces of field artillery, and threatened to open fire on the insurrectionists, and restored their commander to liberty and the power which had been taken from him. This ended this occurrence, and I must add to the beaut of the control of the officer alluded to, that he did not wish to follow up any of his enemies, but contented himself with informing his government of the unfortunate inci-

ASSAST, April 16, 1563